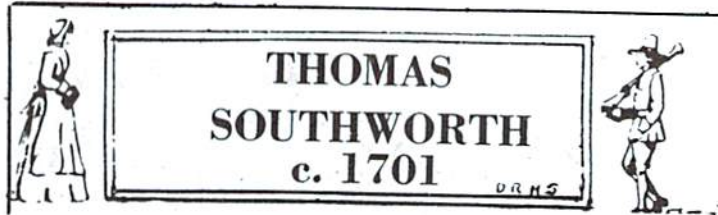


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Thomas Southworth married Sarah Alden about 1701 and built his house on the far north west corner of the Alden Farm, a farm area that probably was Sarah's share of the estate of her father, Capt. Jonathan Alden, who died 1697.

Indications of its age are everywhere in this old one story cape -- hewn beams, wide boards, some very thick, and flattened logs in the underpinning. The frame has old gunstock corner posts held together with mortise and tenon and the roof boards are verticle.

An ell was added at some early date to make a summer kitchen and a small building was put on still later when an owner needed a shop to make shoes in.

At one time the big central chimney was removed when a stove needed only a small chimney, and a hallway ran through the added space. Fortunately present owners have restored that old central chimney with its many fireplaces and at the same time restored the charm of this old house plan. Recent work on the house was a combination of careful restoration

along with such improvements as modern living require. It is a very old house, a fine example of an early farmhouse.

Thomas Southworth outlived his sons so he left his farm to 2 minor grandsons in care of their widowed mother. They stayed on the farm their lifetimes and then a brother-in-law, Capt. Seth Bradford seems to have bought as a means of settling the estates, or perhaps to help the aging James who had built on the Alden Street lend of the farm. This was in 1760 and Capt. Seth never occupied the place although it was in his name for 20 years. Perhaps tenants or although it was in his name, perhaps others in the family, one can only wonder.

Capt. Seth Bradford sold to William Winsor in 1852 and for over 60 years that family lived in the old house. Changes that came about after the Revolution affected this farm. Judah Alden opened a store in his new house just below the farm and customers swung off the main road to get to the store, then they began to take a short cut back to the

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main road, going directly north through the now Winsor farm, a way that finally became Tremont Street and which cut off a part of the farm. Whether William Winsor objected or not is not known, but the road went through.

About the same time William Winsor began to go on fishing voyages and perhaps had less need for a large farm, so he sold off 2 lots on the north end, along St. George St., 15 acres in all. This began a gradual decrease in acreage, the original 60 odd acres now down by half.

William Winsor outlived his sons and for the 2nd time the house went to a grandson, this time with the provision that the grandson, Elbridge, take care of his aging grandparents. Elbridge was a mariner, making his living probably as had William, in the fishing business. He sold off the west end of the farm, that part cut off by the new road, and so the acres went off again and again, until when they went out of the Winsor family it had only 2 acres left.

Nathan Delano, second, bought the old house in 1852 for \$480, and since that date there have been Delanos in the house, not always of that name but of the family. The present owner must feel very much at home in his maternal ancestors' house with his parental grandfather's house across the street.

The house Thomas and Sarah Southworth built about 1701 still sits in a field facing south, and more visible to passers since the road cut through the farm. Southworths, Winsors, and Delanos have made no real changes in the outer appearance, and one sees a farm house about as it was when Pilgrim grandchildren occupied it.

Today Clarence W. and Marie Walker live in the home of their ancestors, and Pilgrim descendants still own the Southworth Farm.

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